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Tote facilities will be available. We are looking for a sponsor for this evening and if you would like to help us with this please call at the promotions office or telephone Chester 378162. Free tickets for this event will be available soon.

As the sales of our new tickets have been going so well it is causing problems in the office prior to a match as so many agents are queueing up to get into the office to pay in etc. many are missing the start of the game. Could we please ask agents to try not to leave it until 2.55 p.m. before you call in. At the last home game we had a queue down the office stairs just before the kick-off. While we don't mind dealing with you at anytime we don't want you to miss any of the game which you have paid to see. So keep up the good work and keep pushing your tickets.

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Spotlight on today's Visitors...

BOLTON WANDERERS

JOHN PLATT - Goalkeeper. When Republic of Ireland 'keeper Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County, John McGovern turned to near neighbours Bury and signed up former Oldham Athletic No. 1 John Platt. Born in Ashton, John had seven seasons at Boundary Park before his move to Bury.

SIMON FARNWORTH - Goalkeeper. Coached enthusiastically by Charlie Wright, Simon has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for a couple of seasons and now his chance has arrived.

GERRY McELHINNEY - Defence. Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad.

RAY DEAKIN - Defender. A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY - Defender. International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career.

ERIC SNOOKES - Defender. A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons, Eric is a defender John McGovern had been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born blonde full back started his career with Preston and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE - Defender. Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield. Crossing the Pennines brought a fresh challenge for the promising young central defender.

BRIAN BORROWS - Defender/Midfield. A regular full back berth at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline, signing the Liverpool youngster for a modest fee. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield showing the versatility of this promising young player.

JOHN MCGOVERN - Midfield. John was appointed Player/Manager in June '82. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League cup successes.

WARREN JOYCE - Midfield. Son of club coach Walter, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender, Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield. Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in midfield but likes to home in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN - Midfield. It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job making his debut, still only 17, at Rotherham. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER - Striker. A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER - Striker. A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderers' scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

STEVE SAUNDERS - Striker. A cruel sequence of injuries robbed Steve of his chance to a first team place last season. But it won't be long before this livewire attacker makes his League bow.

SIMON RUDGE - Striker. Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terrier-like qualities last season. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that we'll see a lot more of this diminutive striker from Warrington.

TONY CALDWELL - Striker. Record breaking scoring feats in Non-League football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved in and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.



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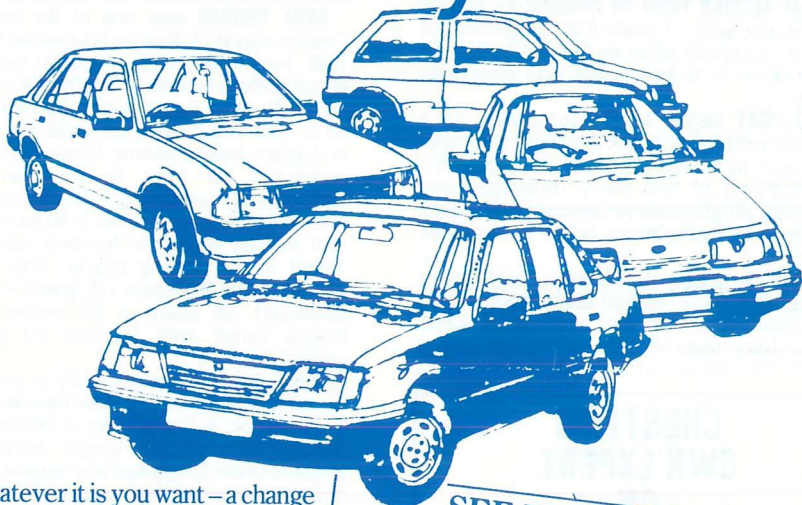
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An alphabetical look at some of the players who have played for Chester F.C. past and present.

JOHN PIMLOTT joined Chester as an inside forward, from Bury in August 1959. In his first season at Sealand Road he finished as second leading scorer with 11 goals from 31 games but the following season when we finished bottom he failed to score in 10 games and was eventually released.

BERNARD PORT began his soccer career as a goalkeeper with Hull City but after failing to make the first team he moved to Chester in August 1951. The consistency of first Harry Threadgold and then Richard Wright however limited Port to just 9 appearances in two seasons before he was also released.

GARY POTTER joined the Chester staff as a youngster and made his first team debut in 1973 as a replacement for the unfortunate Chris Dunleavy. Gary made 10 appearances that season but then the arrival of Reg Matthews on the

following year restricted him to just one game and so he moved in to non League soccer.

DAVE POUNTNEY brought a wealth of league experience with him when he came to Sealand Road in June 1970. In two spells with Shrewsbury he played over 220 games and in between he had played 115 times for Aston Villa. During his three season stay at Chester, Dave played another 135 league games as a wing half.

ALAN PRITCHARD is the son of former Chester trainer Vince and progressed through the junior ranks to become a pro in 1960. Alan made his league debut in season 1960-61 and scored 3 goals in 11 games. In the following two seasons Alan played a further 6 games and scored 3 more goals before he also moved into non League circles.

ANDY PROVAN was one of the more popular Chester players following his move from York in 1968. Born in Scotland his career began with St. Mirran before he moved South to join Barnsley in 1963. After just 3 games with Barnsley he moved on to York and played 160 times scoring 49 goals in 4 years before joining Chester. Club finances restricted his stay to just two seasons, unfortunately but during that time the diminutive outside left scored 19 times in 80 games and in his first season in fact he finished second to Gary Talbot in the scoring charts. After Chester he moved on to Wrexham (10 goals in 51 games), Southport (28 goals in 83) before ending his league career with Torquay (14 goals in 91 games).

GRAHAM PUGH was born locally in Hoole but took his undoubted talents to Sheffield Wednesday as a youngster. A 7 year stay at Hillsborough saw Graham play in 139 league games, gain an England under 23 cap and also appear at Wembley against Everton in that memorable 1966 F.A. Cup final. In 1972 Graham moved to Huddersfield where he played 80 times before joining Chester in February 1975. During his 20 month stay at Sealand Road Graham made 69 appearances and scored 3 goals before he returned to Yorkshire signing for Barnsley. Graham then made 130 appearances for the Oakwell club before ending his league career with 55 games for Scunthorpe. **BERNARD PURDIE** will best be remembered at Chester for scoring 4 of the sides 5 goals against Gillingham in season 1971-72, in what was his debut for Chester. The early promise that he showed, however, failed to win him a regular place at Chester and after 63 appearances and 14 goals he moved on to Crewe where he stayed 6 years, made 213 appearances and scored 44 goals before moving on to Huddersfield in 1979 where up until last season he had made another 46 league appearances.

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BOLTON WANDERERS F.C. 1983-84

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ONE YEAR AGO

Saturday, 18th September, 1982.

LEAGUE DIVISION III v. PORT VALE (A)

CHESTER: Millington, Bradley, Lane, Storton, Zelim, Wilson, Sloan, Kinsey, Simpson, Johnson, Thomas. Sub: Ludlam.

Vale centre-half Phil Sproson turned from villain to hero in a thriller at Vale Park, where City paraded Wilson and Kinsey, on loan from Manchester City. Bradley limped off after only 14 minutes, but City struck when a low cross from Thomas was deflected past Siddall by Sproson. Kinsey didn't appear after half-time and Chester were reduced to ten men. Vale took full advantage — 47 minutes and Sproson hammered in Armstrong's free kick. Siddall produced a flying save to deny Simpson before Sproson completed his unusual hat-trick, when Sheldon's free kick was squeezed in at Milington's near post. To complete his day, Sproson was also booked for a foul on Simpson. ATTENDANCE: 3,303. REFEREE: H. Taylor, Leicestershire. FINAL SCORE: Port Vale 2 Chester 1.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Tuesday, 12th September, 1978

LEAGUE DIVISION III v. COLCHESTER (A)

CHESTER: Lloyd, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Walker, Livermore, Delgado, Oakes, Phillips, Edwards, Mellor. Sub: Nickeas.

Ian Mellors failure from the penalty spot cost Chester a point at Layer Road. With only five minutes remaining, Micky Walker turned away the spot-kick for Colchester's first win of the season. City had taken the lead in the first-half, bustling Ian Edwards turned two defenders and his cross from an acute angle was turned in by Phillips. Within a minute slack defensive cover allowed enough to make it 1-1. Full-back Mick Cook gave the home side an undeserved lead in the second-half which they somehow hung on to. This left City with seven points from the opening six matches in eighth position, with Watford and Swansea in the top four. ATTENDANCE: 2,311 FINAL SCORE: Colchester 2 Chester 1.

TEN YEARS AGO

Wednesday, 12th September 1973

LEAGUE DIVISION IV v. WORKINGTON (H)

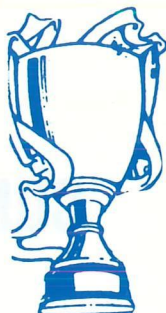
CHESTER: Taylor, Mason, Griffiths, Horne, Potter, Grummett, Redfern, James, Draper, Carter, Whitehead. Sub: Davies.

Many youngsters today will not have seen Workington in league football, struggling for so long but they were not always pushovers Chester called on all their patience to maintain an early one goal lead and yet keep a clean defensive sheet Draper opened his tally for the season when he side-footed Redfern's cross past Rogan in the 31st minute. Workington found Redfern difficult to watch, especially left-back Heslop who had a torrid time. City should have had five but had to thank Taylor for a glorious last minute save to deny Rowlands an equaliser, and keep his side up with the early pacemakers. REFEREE: T.S. Page, Boston. ATTENDANCE: 3,071. FINAL SCORE: Ches ter 1 Workington 0.

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SEASON 1964-65

ALTHOUGH the 1964-65 campaign started with a 3-1 away defeat at Aldershot it eventually proved to be one of the most exciting campaigns ever seen at Sealand Road. Manager Peter Hauser had obviously realised the potential of his 63-64 squad and so changes were kept to a minimum with just Dave Durie, Hugh Ryden, Bryn Jones and youngster Les Harley being added to the ranks.

The opening spell of the season was topsy turvy to say the least, that defeat at Aldershot was followed by a 3-1 away victory over Bradford City, a 0-1 home defeat by Torquay and then a 5-4 away victory over Stockport. The season then levelled into a pattern which again saw away form — after Stockport it was January 30 before another away win was recorded — spoiling a tremendous home record and eventually costing the team a place in Division 3.

That home form is worthy of the highest praise, for after that defeat by Torquay it was March 10th before defeat was tasted again at home — some 16 games which saw 15 victories and just one draw. It was a run which brought 6-1 victories against Wrexham, 6-2 against Aldershot, 5-1 against Lincoln, 4-0 against Hartlepool, Stockport and Chesterfield and 4-1 against York. That game against Wrexham incidentally was the last of the run before Rochdale, who themselves just missed out on promotion, sneaked a 1-0 win, but it was a game played before the biggest attendance 14,782 and it brought probably the best 45 minutes football of the season as Chester raced into a 4-1 half-time lead and the eventual six goals included a hat trick from Jimmy Humes.

That defeat by Rochdale, the first in 8 games, followed by a 4-5 defeat by Darlington and a 1-5 loss at Crewe, unfortunately ended Chester's hopes of promotion but a final burst of away victories at Halifax 4-3, Doncaster 4-1 and Chesterfield 3-1 along with home wins over Newport 4-3, Notts County 4-1, Barrow 4-1 and Doncaster 3-0 meant the

eventual league placing of 8th was the best since 1946-47.

The final record for the season was p25, d6, l15, f119, a81, pts.56, but that doesn't really tell the full story. It doesn't show that Gary Talbot scored 28 goals, Mike Metcalf 27, Elfie Morris 24, Hugh Ryden 20 and Jimmy Humes 17. It doesn't show that the famous Reeves, Jones, Starkey, Hauser, Butler Durie, Humes, Metcalf, Talbot, Ryden, Morris team played together for 20 consecutive games and that John Butler and Malcolm Starkey were ever present whilst Humes, Morris, Ryden and Talbot missed just two games each. Attractive football again brought in the crowds and apart from the Wrexham game, the Tranmere and Bradford games both brought in crowds in excess of 10,000 whilst the lowest crowd was in excess of 5,000. Even Welsh Cup games against Bangor and Borough United attracted gates in excess of 4,000 and 6,000 respectively.

Cup fever also hit the city in 1964-65 and really the cup exploits are worthy of an edition in their own right. Wrexham were beaten 3-0 in the League Cup whilst the second round brought a memorable 5-4 victory over Derby County until the trail eventually ended at Norwich. In the F.A. Cup who could forget Gary Talbot's 5 minute hat trick in the 5-0 win over Crewe whilst in round two hordes of Cestrians ventured over to Yorkshire and saw their heroes humiliate Barnsley by 5 goals to 2. The reward was an unforgettable trip to Old Trafford and an equally memorable sight of Jimmy Humes giving Chester a 9th minute lead only to be denied by a suspiciously offside goal by George Best and an eventual winner by the First Division team.

So although the only tangible reward for the season was the Cheshire Bowl the thousands who flocked through the Sealand Road gates had witnessed not only one of the best post war Chester sides in action but had also enjoyed one of the most memorable seasons in the club's history.

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doncaster	4	2	0	0	6	0	1	8	1	4	4	9
York	4	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	2	3	2	9
Northampton	4	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	4	3	8
Colchester	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	8
Bury	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	2	8
Peterborough	4	2	0	0	8	1	0	1	1	2	4	7
Bristol City	4	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	1	1	2	7
Hereford	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	4	7
Chesterfield	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	3	4	7
Crewe	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	7
Reading	4	2	0	0	9	4	0	0	2	1	5	6
Halifax	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	3	2	6
Tranmere Rovers	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	1	6
Rochdale	4	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	1	7	6
Darlington	4	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	6
Wrexham	4	1	1	0	7	3	0	0	2	1	5	4
Blackpool	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	2	4
Aldershot	4	0	0	2	2	6	1	1	0	1	0	4
Stockport	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	4	7	4
Swindon	4	1	0	1	6	3	0	0	2	0	2	3
Torquay	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	7	2
Hartlepool	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	1	5	1
Chester	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	6	1
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